

# Housing Assistance

## MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Convicted felons living in the state of Maine are excepted from living in subsidized housing nor do they qualify for the Section 8 voucher program.

## RENTAL ASSISTANCE COUPON PLUS (RAC+)

The Rental Assistance Coupon Plus (RAC+) program is designed help you pay for rent in your own apartment. If you are found to be an appropriate candidate, you will be issued a coupon to use with local landlords in your own apartment in the community. The coupon will also help you with your security deposit and to pay for some utilities (lights, gas, and water). If you have a bad history with the utility companies, we can hep you with the utility deposit required to get you up and running. You can use the coupon for up to two years, after which you should have secured another way to pay for your rent.

### Responsibilities to Participate:

- ✓ Pay a portion of the rent, either \$50 or 30% of your monthly income (the greater of the two)
- ✓ Sign a contract that says you will work towards self-sufficiency, meet with social support team
- ✓ Set goals
- ✓ Maintain good rental history, follow the conditions of hour lease.

### Eligibility

- ✓ Must be homeless with not place to live other than a shelter
- ✓ Income must not exceed 60% of the area median income
- ✓ Preference will be given to youth (age 18 - 24), families, single individuals with domestic violence issues, individuals referred by correctional case workers of probation officers.

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